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News briefs

Vehicle washing

The only authorized vehicle washing area on Bitburg is the services car wash near the gate. German environmental regulations deem Bitburg a water protection zone; therefore, water pollutants and soaps are to be used only in designated areas. Call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight at 452-6082 for more information.

Tip of the Hat

The following are the standards for wearing gloves with the service uniform combinations:

- Black or gray gloves or mittens may be worn and made of the following materials: leather, knit tricort and suede, or a combination of them.

This information and more on the standards of dress and appearance, and customs and courtesies is contained in Air Force Instruction 36-2903-SABSUP 1 and AFI 36-2203.

Holiday party

A party for people assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base who may otherwise spend Christmas Eve alone takes place 5-9 p.m. Dec. 24 in the Saber Club. Call unit first sergeants for free tickets.

Air Force financial services

Visit the Air Force financial services customer service Web site at www.saffm.hq.af.mil/affsc/ for answers to financial questions and self-service transactions. The site offers a variety of pay, travel and other financial information at the military employee's fingertips.

USAFE family day schedule

According to a new U.S. Air Forces in Europe policy governing the allocation of family days, commanders now choose localized family days to better accommodate unit schedules.

As such, the existing USAFE schedule only

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Eifel Times

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Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Commemorative march

About 600 hikers and event organizers participated in the 56th anniversary Battle of the Bulge march Saturday in the Bastogne, Belgium. More than 40 were from the Eifel region and Spangdahlem Air Base. The World War II Society in Europe sponsors the annual event in remembrance of one of the largest land battles of World War II. Marchers hiked about 20 kilometers, making stops along the trail to hear historical lectures about significant battles fought from Dec. 16, 1944, to Jan. 28, 1945, in the defense of Bastogne.

SFS increases checks on B-50

Wing strives to decrease accidents on Eifel roads

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Wing leadership hopes to put the breaks on speeders driving in U.S. Army, Europe-plated vehicles on Eifel region roads.

In the 52nd Fighter Wing commander's latest effort to decrease the number of accidents caused by speeding or driving too fast for road conditions, Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman authorized security forces to up the ante. Security forces will soon increase its use of radar off base and will extend its reach to a 25-kilometer radius of Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg annex. People speeding in USAEUR-plated vehicles will be ticketed, or worse.

"There will be zero tolerance for speeding," said Lt. Col. Steve Asher, 52nd Security Forces Squadron commander. "Tickets will be issued, but not necessarily on the spot.

Depending upon the severity, points will be assessed against driver's licenses and unit commanders are authorized to suspend licenses up to 60 days."

Security forces and ground safety statistics show speeding or driving too fast for road conditions cause the vast majority of accidents, particularly on B-50. Of the 756 total accidents in the Eifel region so far this calendar year, 119 were major (requiring a vehicle to be towed or there was an injury), said Tech. Sgt. Franklin McElhaney, 52nd SFS reports and analysis.

"That translates to just a 19 percent chance of suffering a major accident," he explained. "But look at where B-50 fits in."

Fifty-eight of the total major accidents occurred on B-50, with 21 involving injuries, McElhaney said. Put another way, that nearly doubles the chance, 36 percent, of people suffering a major accident on B-50 than any other road in the Eifel.

"Looking at the causes, 62 of the 119 major accidents were caused by speeding or driving too fast for road conditions; 52 percent," he said.

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USAFE targets FOCUS money for quality of life efforts

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe has initially targeted more than \$3.9 million for fiscal year 2001 quality-of-life improvements at major bases and geographically-separated units across the command.

About \$208,000 is slated for Spangdahlem Air Base and another \$92,000 for its GSUs, according to base officials.

The money will be used to pay for hard-to-fund projects under the command's

Funding Opportunities for Communities in USAFE, or FOCUS. Funds for the program come from a central account held for the USAFE commander.

FOCUS funds are typically aimed at services such as youth programs, child development and community centers. Projects that make life better for people in USAFE, said Col. Neva Lynde, comptroller for the headquarters USAFE Financial Management and Comptroller direct-orate.

Of the \$92,000 slated for improvements at wing GSUs, \$40,000 goes to NATO AB Gilenkirchen, said base officials. The other \$52,000 is earmarked for community center and library improvements at all three munitions support squadrons located in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Money slated for Spangdahlem will go toward child development center and library improvements, and to purchase youth programs equipment.

"The program provides a means by which USAFE Commander Gen. Gregory Martin can immediately improve the high standards for living in the command," said Lynde. "General Martin, working in conjunction with each of his wing commanders, wants to ensure USAFE becomes a better place to live and work."

The \$3.9 million targeted for fiscal 2001 projects brings FOCUS funding during the past five years to roughly \$24 million. (USAFE News Service)

Speed

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"We're not doing this (increasing speed checks) because we enjoy it," Asher said. "Our goal is not to write tickets, but to get folks to slow down. That's not happening now. We see it every day. Until drivers, careless drivers, change their attitude, we're going full-court press on this."

For more than a year, German authorities have allowed security forces to set up speed checks at select locations along B-50, he said. Those same authorities have also been aggressively attacking both Germans and Americans driving too fast on area roads. Two examples are the recent dramatic increase in fines for speeding by the German government and more frequent speed checks by German police.

"We have to change our tactics, though," Asher said.

Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, encourages everyone to watch the B-50 safety video that recently was produced and is shown at the newcomer's orientation.

People can access the video at:
intranet/52fw/safety/Ground/DEFAULT.asp.

"People know where we set up and slow down in those areas."

Therefore, security forces are now allowed to ticket people without making traffic stops, similar to how German police and cameras operate. People won't necessarily be stopped, but instead tickets mailed to their first sergeant.

"This allows us to set up in more locations where previously we couldn't because it wasn't safe to perform traffic stops," Asher said.

Once people have been informed of the consequences via Eifel Times and Armed Forces Network coverage, expect to see Air Force security forces vehicles more and in a lot more locations, he said.

"The idea is to get people to slow down and live longer," Asher said. "We want them to know what we're going to do. We don't want it to be a surprise. We want them to slow down so they're not in, or cause, an accident."

While the primary focus is to get people to slow down, security forces patrols can also enforce the rules of the road if they see violations by people driving USAEUR-plated vehicles.

Accidents

By Tech. Sgt. Franklin McElhaneey
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

There were 15 accidents involving Eifel motorists last week, bringing the total number of accidents year to date to 756.

The personal cost in damages this year is an estimated \$553,515.

The first of two major accidents happened near Buedlicherbrueck. An American was traveling west on the L-150 behind a delivery truck. A German in a Mercedes traveling behind these two vehicles attempted to pass both. During the attempt, another vehicle approached in the opposite lane. The vehicle in the opposite lane swerved to avoid the

Mercedes, but struck the delivery truck and the American. Two of the three vehicles were disabled and the American was sent to the Marien Krankenhaus for treatment.

Wet road conditions and speed combined for an accident near Albachmuehle on B-50. A Mercedes driven by an American was negotiating a curve when the front end lost traction. The end result; 10 meters of guardrail (1,200 DM) were wrecked and another Mercedes totaled.

Of the 13 minor accidents totaling \$2,400 in damage, half occurred because of a mix between wet roads and speeds too fast for the conditions.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Spang under construction

Traffic headed west toward the Binsfeld Gate on Perimeter Road waits as traffic heading east uses the single lane as workers continue replacing base water system pipes. Sections of Perimeter Road will be limited to one lane during construction hours through the end of December. A stoplight operating from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays assists the flow of traffic. It's set on an eight-minute timer to allow construction vehicles to use the entire roadway safely. During non-construction hours, the light flashes yellow.

Next week's edition of the Eifel Time is the last until
Jan. 12. The deadline to submit items for the final
issue of the year is close of business today. The
deadline for the next issue is Jan. 5.

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applies to Headquarters USAF staff. Numbered Air Force, wing and unit commanders are authorized to select and schedule up to 11 family days annually.

Holiday hours

Spangdahlem and Bitburg commissaries close Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Spangdahlem commissary also closes Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Commissary special operating hours through the winter holiday season are:

Bitburg

■10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 and 31

Spangdahlem

■10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 and 31

■9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
Army Air Force Exchange Service facilities winter holiday hours are:

Bitburg

Dec. 24

■Main store, shoppette, Burger King Express - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Furniture store, optical shop, Willi Geck, Dold Exquisit, Unique Gifts, GNC, photo processing - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Box Office Video, filling station - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Anthony's Pizza, car care center, barber/beauty shop, new car sales, service mart and H&R Block - closed

Spangdahlem

■Main store, BXtra, Burger King, filling station - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Anthony's Pizza - 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Popeyes - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Military clothing sales, car care center, barber/beauty shop, alterations, new car sales, SIXT car rentals, service mart, flower shop, movie theater, Willi Geck - closed

All AAFES facilities close Christmas Day. The following AAFES facilities close Dec. 26:

Bitburg

■Barber/beauty shop, hospital barber shop, car care center

Spangdahlem

■Barber/beauty shop, Penny Lane Thrift Shop

■The Penny Lane Thrift Shop also closes Dec. 28.

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Spang team represents USAFE at Top Dollar

By Lynn Gonzales
Top Dollar 2000 Public Affairs

GULFPORT, Miss. — Comptrollers and contracting officers treating sucking chest wounds and eye punctures, firing 9mm handguns while wearing gas masks and crawling under barbed wire as M-16 bullets fly overhead. Sound unlikely? It isn't.

Thirteen teams of the Air Force's top finance and contracting specialists completed five days of such intense activities and more Tuesday when Top Dollar 2000 concluded. Top Dollar is a physically and mentally demanding training exercise and competition that puts comptrollers and contracting officers in a bare-base environment simulated in a foreign country.

For nearly a week, teams worked and slept in a tent city in the middle of terrorist-infested Equatoria, a fictitious South American country built on the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Miss. In addition to completing more than 250 timed scenarios testing their ability to perform their jobs, competitors were also tested in several military skills: self-aid and buddy care, chemical warfare, marksmanship, information security and physical fitness.

A seven-member team from Spangdahlem Air Base, representing U.S. Air Forces in Europe, was one of the units competing in this elite training exercise. The team consisted of five finance experts and two contingency contracting officers: Capt. Darrell Williams, Staff Sgt. David Smith, Staff Sgt. Celeste Jones, Senior Airman Danielle Johnson and Senior Airman Aimee Zick from finance, and 1st Lt. Mark Hansen and Tech. Sgt. Steven Turner from contracting. They worked together to overcome the variety of challenges the Top Dollar staff of scenario writers, role players and evaluators had planned.

While the overall winner was Air Force Materiel Command team, Spangdahlem placed in the following categories:



Lynn Gonzales

Senior Airman Aimee Zick, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Steven Turner, 52nd Contracting Squadron, crawl under barbed wire during the confidence course portion of Top Dollar 2000.

■ Day 1 - Second in self-aid and buddy care and tied for third in warfighting scenarios.

■ Day 2 - Another second in self-aid and buddy care.

■ Day 3 - Tied for first in self-aid and buddy care.

"When we first did this, we had some difficulties, but after a while, things started to go more smoothly. Now, we work together as a team," said Hansen, a 52nd Fighter Wing contracting officer.

According to the main scenario, the kidnapping of a U.S. senator in October prompted the United Nations to request troops and expand Army operations in Marandua, a city in southern Equatoria. Competitors acted as the financial center for troops stationed at the air base in this fictitious city.

Upon arriving at Marandua Air Base, competition evaluators checked each team's

logistics detail kit, which contained everything they needed to set up a deployed office.

Once participants had their offices up and running, scenarios began and rarely stopped. They covered numerous types of situations that finance and contracting specialists could encounter in a real deployment, including handling pay disbursements, setting up allotments, purchasing goods from and negotiating contracts with foreign vendors, managing a contingency budget, and ensuring tax exclusions and gratuities were processing.

"All of the scenarios were based on real-life situations that have happened in the (finance and contracting) career fields during the past 10 years," said Col. Brad Busch, Top Dollar 2000 commander.

The competition is designed to challenge the teams to perform their jobs during a deployment under stressful conditions that change with every hour. The timed scenarios

ranged in difficulty from basic to complex, testing the teams' ability to work together to find a solution to each customer's problem.

"All of us have different specialties, and we help each other out. When we can't find something, we'll interrupt and ask for help from one of the experts," said Smith, a 52nd Fighter Wing finance specialist.

Between scenarios, team members used the time to their advantage: discussing recent scenarios, taking time to catch up on paperwork or reading through stacks of Air Force regulations and forms. Either way, the teams learned from the experience and took valuable skills back to their commands.

"Top Dollar provides invaluable training," said Lt. Col. Tony Kitt, Top Dollar deputy commander. "The best we can hope for is they will take these skills and apply them whenever they're called to serve in a forward deployed location. They'll be ready to handle the most difficult budget and acquisition challenges."

Competing with Spangdahlem Air Base were Anderson Air Force Base, Guam (Pacific Air Forces); Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. (11th Wing); Charleston AFB, S.C. (Air Mobility Command); Ellsworth AFB, N.D. (Air Combat Command); Ford Island, Hawaii (Defense Finance and Accounting Service); Hurlburt Field, Fla. (Air Force Special Operations Command); Malmstrom AFB, Mont. (Air Force Space Command); March Air Reserve Base, Calif. (Air Force Reserve Command); McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. (Air National Guard); Vance AFB, Okla. (Air Education and Training Command); Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (Air Force Materiel Command); and U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

In addition to 13 teams, nearly 180 active-duty staff members ran the competition, serving as role players, evaluators and support members.

22nd FS F-16 aircraft leaves mark at Prince Sultan

Squadron completes goal of flying 300 sorties a month while deployed for AEF-9

By Master Sgt. Jerry Edwards
22nd Fighter Squadron

The 22nd Fighter Squadron recently returned from its Air Expeditionary Force deployment at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, but left an indelible mark in the sand. Upon its arrival to the base in August, the 22nd Fighter Squadron set many goals to meet during its AEF rotation, one of which was a plan to fly 300 sorties within one month.

The plan became a reality at 3 p.m. Nov. 30 as aircraft 91-0337, flown by Lt. Col. Steven Kempf, the squadron's expeditionary commander, completed the 300th F-16CJ sortie.

"Perseverance and hard work by all 119 deployed squadron members highlighted this outstanding team effort," said Lt. Col. Jon Bitler, 22nd FS commander.

At Spangdahlem, with about 20 aircraft at their disposal, the squadron flies more than 350 sorties monthly with each aircraft averaging about 18 flights. The 22nd FS deployed to Southwest Asia with only 8 aircraft. To make 300 sorties in one month, the squadron had to fly each aircraft about 39 times - more than twice the squadron's normal sortie rate.

While keeping this pace, the 22nd FS also completed 300-hour phased aircraft inspections, upgraded 10 pilots for night vision goggle mission capability and performed flight lead and instructor pilot upgrade flights, according to squadron officials. The 22nd FS also provided aircrew training for Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia commander and Col. Homer Smith, 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander.

The squadron also performed more than 90 aircraft

munitions reconfigurations to meet the Operation Southern Watch requirements. To top it off, all of this was accomplished with zero safety mishaps throughout November.

By month's end, the squadron had flown more sorties in one month than any other F-16CJ unit in Air Expeditionary Forces history.

Not only did the 22nd FS have an exceptional month, but an exceptional AEF rotation as well, Bitler said. Over the course of the deployment, the squadron flew more than 700 sorties, logging about 1,600 hours, also the highest totals of any F-16CJ unit in Air Expeditionary Forces history.

"The pride and professionalism of this squadron enabled them to set a benchmark for sortie production which is their legacy to Prince Sultan Air Base," Bitler said. "The 22nd Fighter Squadron has demonstrated that no goal is unattainable if all members of the team put forth their best efforts."



Community Mailbox

Parent support

"Mentoring Moms and Parenting Partners" is a support program that teams experienced parents with new parents who would like someone to go to for advice. Call Dr. Suzanne Furman at 452-8279 or Becky Johnson at 452-6881 for more information.

Support group

Base family advocacy is considering starting support groups for people sharing similar chronic health problems, difficulties adjusting to living overseas, or for those with children who have emotional or developmental challenges. The goal is to help people through challenging times in life by sharing experiences and mutual understanding. Call 453-3128 or 452-8279 for more information or to register.

La Leche League

The group meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg hospital conference room. Children are welcome to attend. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 for more information.

Honor guard

Recruiting continues for people willing to serve with this elite organization. Call Tech. Sgt. Malik Sultan or Staff Sgt. Jeanna Morgan at 452-6783 for more information.

Education office

■City Colleges of Chicago's new operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office closes for federal holidays.

■A commissioning briefing takes place at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 4. Call the education office to make an appointment.



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Lighting the way

Military members and their families gather for the Christmas tree lighting and parade ceremony Dec. 7 at Spangdahlem Air Base. The Girl Scouts won first place and \$250 in the parade contest.

■The education office offers free walk-in counseling each Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and each Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call the education office at 452-6063 for more information.

Christmas events

■Correction: Collection of donated individually-wrapped baked goods for the Officer's and Civilian's Spouses Club dorm basket project takes place from 7-9 a.m. Tuesday at the Spang Club and the Bitburg chapel.

■The Spangdahlem library invites children to bring winter holiday-themed stuffed bears for display in the library case throughout December. All bears are returned in January. Call 452-6203 for details.

■The play, "A Christmas Carol," takes place at 7 p.m. today and Saturday in the Spangdahlem community activities center. Tickets, available at Information, Tickets and Tours. Cost is \$2 for adults and children 10 or older, \$1 for children 9 or younger, or

\$5 for families. Call Senior Master Sgt. Doug Roberts at 453-9809 for details.

■The Pet Spa offers photographs of pets with Santa 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$4. Call 453-7362 for details.

■The 52nd Services Squadron collects cookies for 23rd Fighter Squadron deployed troops noon to 4 p.m. Monday at the base community activities center. Call Staff Sgt. Lisa Loyd at 452-0520 for more information.

■"Santa's Mailbag" is a holiday program where children around the world can receive a letter from Santa post marked North Pole, Alaska. More information can be found at www.eielson.af.mil/NEWS/.

New Year's Eve celebrations

■Spangdahlem Middle School hosts a dance for fifth through eighth grade students 6-9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$2.50.

■At the Saber Club on Spangdahlem Air

Base and Club 2012 at Bitburg from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Cost for each party is \$12 for members in advance or \$17 at the door. Admission includes appetizers, entertainment, party favors, champagne and breakfast. Call the Saber Club at 452-6090 or Club 2012 at 453-2012 for details.

ITT trips

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in December. Call the Spangdahlem community center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg annex community center at 453-7120 for details.

■Valkenburg Christmas market, Saturday, \$29 for adults and \$25 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 8:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 9 a.m.

■Nuernburg Christmas market, Saturday, \$39 for adults and \$35 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 6:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 7 a.m.

■Strasbourg Christmas market, Saturday, \$30 for adults and \$28 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 7 a.m. and Bitburg at 7:30 a.m.

Outdoor recreation

The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in December. Outdoor recreation is no longer open during the weekend. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Christmas caves of Valkenburg, Holland, Saturday. Transportation and castle entry are included in the \$20 per person price. Minimum age to participate is 18.

■Underground mountain biking Sunday. Transportation, cave entry, helmet and light rental are all included in the cost of \$30 for biking only or \$50 for biking and two hours in the spa.

■Hike the walled village of Rothenburg Saturday and Sunday. Transportation, guided hike, night watchman's tour and lodging are included in the \$65 per person price.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Tonight

The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13)

A disillusioned war veteran, Captain Rannulph, reluctantly agrees to play a game of golf. He finds the game futile until his caddy, Bagger, teaches him the secret of mastering any challenge and finding a meaning in life.

Saturday

Pocahontas (G, 10 a.m.)

Hercules (G, 11:30 a.m.)

Mulan (G, 1:15 p.m.)

The Little Mermaid (G, 3 p.m.)

The Legend of Bagger Vance

Sunday

Godzilla 2000 (PG)

Suddenly, a massive reptilian form obscures the window of a lonely lighthouse. It has razor sharp teeth in a gargantuan mouth among other frightening features. Soon, all in the creature's wake is utterly destroyed.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Way of the Gun (R)

Two longtime thieves kidnap a young woman carrying the child of a wealthy Southwestern couple.

Thursday

The Watcher (R)

FBI agent Campbell has gone into hiding and has only been in Chicago for a few months when there is a rash of gruesome murders. Before each murder he receives a photograph of the intended victim daring him to find the person before it's too late.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

Men of Honor (R)

Chronicle of the inspirational, true-life exploits of Carl Brashear, who becomes the Navy's first African-American Master Diver.

Saturday

I'll Be Home for Christmas (PG, 9 a.m.)

Jack Frost (PG, 10:45 a.m.)

Jingle All the Way (PG, 12:45 p.m.)

Miracle on 34th Street (PG, 2:30 p.m.)

Men of Honor

Sunday

Little Nicky (PG-13)

Adam Sandler is Little Nicky, a shy and awkward guy with two bullies for older brothers. Little Nicky is the son of the Devil and lives in Hell. When Dad decides not to make his brothers the heir to his evil throne, they go to New York, hell-bent on creating their own Hell On Earth. A nervous Nicky must find his brothers and restore the balance between good and evil.

Monday

Little Nicky

Tuesday

Urban Legends: Final Cut (R)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,

Landscheid holds first holiday market

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Landscheid community sponsors its first Christmas market Sunday, complete with entertainment for all ages.

Formerly, the village of Niederkaul held a historical market, which drew more than 5,000 people annually. However, this year, Landscheid has been granted the honor of sponsoring the popular holiday event.

Landscheid, known for its annual spring market held in March, gratefully accepted the offer and has designed its market to include activities for the young and old.

American participation is welcome and encouraged, according to event organizers. The American version of Santa visits the market at 4 p.m. Sunday. He and a Christmas angel will hand out free gifts to children in the afternoon. Photo opportunities will be available.

The Landscheid market opens at 11 a.m. with an official welcome by the mayor at about 11 a.m. Many traditional dishes will also be available at reasonable Deutsch Mark prices, starting at 11 a.m. The first music performance by the Landscheid Church Chorus follows at 11:30 a.m.

About 15 booths featuring Christmas gifts open to shoppers following the mayor's remarks. Items offered include



Iris Reiff

Customers shop at a German Christmas market. Ornaments similar to those shown are traditionally available at these markets during the holiday season.

glass ornaments, dolls, art, floral decorations and, of course, a variety of different Christmas ornaments.

The Landscheid band performs Christmas music at 1:30 p.m. A children's chorus is scheduled to sing Christmas music

at 3:30 p.m. A band from Niederkaul performs a concert at 5 p.m.

The first Landscheid market is expected to draw a good crowd of visitors. People are encouraged to arrive early to find a good parking spot.



Out and about



■For Christmas shoppers, the larger German stores are open until 6 p.m. each Saturday until Christmas. A free Park & Ride service takes place in Trier between 8:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 23. Follow signs off the Autobahn that read Park & Ride.

■Local Christmas markets take place now through Dec. 23 in Wittlich, Sunday in Landscheid, now through Wednesday in Bernkastel-Kues, now through Dec. 23 in Manderscheid, now through Dec. 22 in Trier.

■A Christmas bazaar and holiday festival with entertainment program takes place Sunday, between 1 and 6 p.m. at the Gransdorf Hof Eulendorf estate. Children's fairy tales, Christmas carols, an art exhibit, a visit by Santa Claus, brass band performances, a teddy bear exhibition, home-baked cake, and much more are on schedule for the event. Call 06567-352 for additional information about the event.

■Reserve your ticket for "Christmas Moments," Dec. 23, at the Bitburg Edith-Stein

School at 8 p.m. Dec. 23. Tickets are 48 DM and can be obtained by calling 06561-6001-144 or 145.

■Listen to this year's Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Saturday by the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band at the Bitburg Edith-Stein School. Entry is 12 DM for adults or 8 DM for children and students. Members of the Bitburg Cultural Society pay 10 DM to get in. For tickets, call the Bitburg Cultural Society at 06561-6001-144 or 145 or the Bitburg tourist information office at 06561-9434-0.

■Attend a flea market Sunday, inside and outside the Bitburg Flugplatz hall; at the Daun Bahnhof or train station; inside and outside the Machern Cloister, located near the town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; and outside the Wittlich Moebel Kings furniture store.

■Enjoy a Christmas concert by "The Golden Gospel Singer," Sunday, at 8 p.m. at the Trier Europa hall.

■The annual Bitburg Beda art exhibition takes place now through Wednesday at the Beda Haus cultural center. The

exhibition is open daily, from 3 to 6 p.m. except for Sundays, when it opens at 2 and closes at 6 p.m. Entry is free.

■Attend a winter volksmarch, Sunday, in Kordel. Marchers meet at 1:30 p.m. at Kreuzfeld. To register, call 06505-8287.

■Listen to a Christmas concert Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sehlern St. Georg church. The concert will be performed by the Sehlern-Esch-Hetzerath choirs. Fresh waffles and hot beverages will be available at the Parish Home following the performance.

■Listen to a Christmas concert, Sunday, at 7 p.m. at the Hetzerath St. Hubertus church. The concert will be performed by the Hetzerath music association. Tea and Gluehwein will be available in front of the church following the event.

■Participate in the 25th Cross Country run of Bernkastel-Wittlich, Saturday starting from the Gladbach sports grounds. Showers and changing rooms will be available. A 200-meter run for children, born after 1994 will

start off at 1:30 p.m. Surprises will await the young participants afterward.

An 860-meter, 1,400-meter, 4,200-meter and 8,600-meter runs will follow. The last run starts off at 2:45 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for athletes and observers. For more information about the event, call 06508-7523.

■Participate in a Christmas holiday volksmarch, Sunday, at 1:30 p.m., from Erlenbach Kreuzchen or at 1:45 from the Hetzerath Alte Post or old post office. The march will lead to the wine town of Klüsserath where participants have the opportunity to see a nativity exhibition at the local Elementary school. Coffee and cake will be available at the Klüsserath Cafeteria. It is advisable for people to park a vehicle in Klüsserath for the return trip.

■Water colors and oil paintings by Erich Schwind, featuring landscapes and flowers will be on display now through Jan. 19 at the Wittlich county administration.

■Participate in a 63-hour non-stop-action program, today

through Sunday at the Cascade Swimming pool in Bitburg. To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Cascade pool, officials feature a pool festival including aqua aerobics, band performances, swimming and diving competitions, children's water olympics, rescue demonstrations, a climbing wall, food buffets, an "Underwater Triking" Guinness Book record event, karaoke and more. For additional information call Cascade pool officials at 06561-96830.

■Listen to Christmas baroque music, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at the Machern Cloister, located near the town of Zeltingen-Rachtig. Scheduled are classical compositions by Bach and Mozart. The concert will be performed by the Bernastel Chamber Orchestra and several soloists.

■Join the German-American Friendship Club on a trip to the Metz-France Christmas market Sunday. Cost is 30 DM per person. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Speicher Rathaus or city hall and returns at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Gisela Traut at 452-6172.

Wrapped up

Bitburg Barons High School wrestler John Gabaldon hips out from under a Wiesbaden team member to take first in his weight class in the round-robin season opening tournament at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe recently. The defending European Division II wrestling champion Barons captured five second place titles in the high school opener. The Barons have pulled off second place finishes in each opening tournament the past two seasons, both behind top Division I schools — Wiesbaden and Wurzburg. With only seven returning wrestlers from last year's squad, the Barons managed to build a force of 33 wrestlers for the 2000/2001 season.



Gordon Canada

Barons play hardball on hardcourt to go 3-0

By Lin Hairstone

Bitburg High School boy's basketball coach

Defending Division II champion Bitburg Barons varsity, and the junior varsity squad both swept powerhouse Patch Barracks Friday and Saturday to end the week undefeated.

STARS AND STRIPES billed the weekend contest as the key early season match up, particularly with the addition of new 6-foot-8-inch center James Hughes.

In the Dec. 8 win, 58-53, two Barons — Andre Lesane and J.R. Robinson — ruined the big man's Department of Defense Dependent Schools debut by holding him to three points and six rebounds. Defensive

All-Europe standout Robinson and Lesane combined for 20 boards on both ends of the court. Lesane added 12 points.

All-Europe James McLean took player of the game honors with a 21-point team leading performance. Antonio Washington followed with 16 points.

Patch took the Barons into overtime in game two Saturday, but the Barons pulled out a heart-stopping one point win 68-67.

Patch jumped on the Barons in the first half and went into the locker room with a 17-point halftime lead. The Barons coaching staff switched to a three-four, man-to-man defense for the second half. It paid off, as the team was able to rack up 26 points in

eight minutes and cut the lead to three.

Clutch free throws down the stretch and a key 3-pointer by McLean with 15 seconds left gave the Barons the lead. However, Patch's Sean Spencer drained a last effort shot from the corner with two seconds on the clock sending the game into OT.

In the extra period, Lesane hit the second of two free throws with two seconds left for the win and earning player of the game honors. Washington led the Barons with 21 points followed by McLean with 17 and Lesane 14.

JV action

The Barons JV squad experienced their

first high school games during the weekend. The young team learned early the value of tough defense, holding Patch to only 2 points in the entire second half of the Dec. 8 match up for a 23-20 win.

Freshman Kelvin McLean was named player of the game for his 9-point, team-leading performance.

The freshman topped his first high school outing with a 25-point showing in Saturday's 36-27 win. Defensive standout Zack Pierce teamed with Michael Black to minimize Patch's attempt to control the boards. Raynaldo Hernandez contributed six steals in the effort, while player of the game honors went to Pierce.

Lady Barons enter winter break without a loss

By Denny Lemmon

Bitburg High School varsity girl's basketball coach

Bitburg's Lady Barons enter the basketball season winter break undefeated at 3-0 following the past weekend's performances.

The varsity team opened the season with a Dec. 5 mercy-rule drubbing of the Division III Brussels American School. Using a stifling full-court press, the Lady Barons mounted a 27-2 first-quarter lead. Play was stopped when the Division II contender put up a 40-point lead to end the game 57-17.

Thirteen players suited up for their first varsity game and all received a little playing time. Junior Constance Maziel led all scoring with 11 points, followed by Wesley Canada with 10 and Kimberly McLearn with 9. Freshman guard Janise Russ pleasantly surprised the coaching staff with her scoring potential by popping in 9 points.

The team faced tougher competition this weekend when they hosted Patch Barracks. Not only were the Patch Panthers last season's European Division II runners-up, the Lady Barons were without Maziel. She sprained her ankle during the game against Brussels and is out until January.

Without her, the Lady Barons coaching staff had to adjust the starting lineup. Junior Crystal Bessler, coming off a sprained ankle she suffered two weeks prior, filled the spot.

Playing in front of a capacity crowd Dec. 8 in the Bitburg Middle School gym, the varsity won 42-32 with the JV following suit 26-16.

Returning to the strategy used in the Lady Barons first game of the season, the team attempted to press the Lady Panthers unsuccessfully. Lady Panthers' All-European guard Joanna Miller was able to break apart the press. By the end of the first quarter, the Barons only had a low-scoring one-point lead, 7-6.

Lady Barons' All-European guard Kimberly McLearn broke the game open in the second, hitting six of her game-high 11 points. The Lady Barons went into the locker room at the half with a 21-10 lead.

The team maintained the lead throughout the second half on its way to the second victory of the young season.

In the JV match, Russ and center Deneshia Roberson

scored 10 points each to led the scoring.

Both varsity and JV squads returned to the court Saturday morning. The varsity won 43-32 and the JV smothered the Lady Panthers 33-13.

Again, the Lady Barons varsity squad initially generated little offense. It took another low-scoring lead into the half, 15-10.

In the second half, the team outscored the Lady Panthers 28 to 22 for its third straight win.

McLearn led the scoring with 14 points, followed by Canada with 10 and Crystal Bessler with 9.

Junior varsity girl's basketball coach Rik Carr is riding an undefeated season and European Division II title as varsity football coach onto the hardwood. In his third year as JV mentor coach, Carr's teams have only lost one game — last season's opener against Patch Barracks. With the weekend victories, the JV squad is on an 18-game win streak.

Following the winter break, varsity and JV games resume Jan. 12 and 13 when the Lady Barons travel to Vilseck.